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Re: Notice of <u>Ex Parte</u> Contact PP Docket 93-253

Dear Mr. Caton:

The Personal Communications Industry Association ("PCIA"), by its attorneys, hereby files an original and one copy of a notification of an <u>ex parte</u> contact in PP Docket 93-253. On this date, PCIA sponsored an open forum debriefing on the narrowband PCS auction rules and procedures in conjunction with the FCC at the ANA Hotel. FCC staff members, Robert Pepper, Ralph Haller, Donald Gips, Evan Kwerel, Jonathan Cohen, Gerald Vaughan and Karen Wrege led a discussion on the following topics: the possibility and logistics of remote electronic bid submission for the regional, Major Trading Area ("MTA") and Basic Trading Area ("BTA") narrowband PCS auctions; recommended intervals between bidding rounds; bid withdrawal periods; opening bid prices and minimum bid increments; confidentiality of bidder identities; ownership changes; security issues; and location of future auctions. Names of those persons attending the forum are attached.

Participants generally encouraged the FCC to develop software to permit remote electronic bidding for future narrowband PCS auctions but stressed that the Commission must allow sufficient time prior to the auction for testing of the system by qualified bidders. Also, parties noted that such a system should have the capability to relay FCC announcements made at the auction site to remote bidders as well as permit remote bidders to pose related questions and review the answers.

Parties also agreed that one hour intervals between bidding rounds would be sufficient for the regional narrowband PCS auctions, and that the one hour period should not commence until

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all bid information from the previous round has been disclosed. Participants further agreed that the opening bid price for the nationwide narrowband PCS licenses was adequate. In addition, parties voiced a preference for the disclosure of bidder identities and requested adequate advance notice of the auction site to accommodate private system set-ups.

If any questions should arise concerning this notification, please contact the undersigned at (202) 828-4987.

Sincerely,

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